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CHAPTER L. as best to do.

it through his study window. He | there to the end of my days. as evidently thinking very hard, and he two letters were the cause of it.

re. I want your help." ite," responded a voice from below, vacation mentioned in the other call." and very soon the minister's wife came the minister, almost as if he were alone the minister, almost as if he were alone What's the mattery' she said as and arguing with himself and had not

mething very serious, for you don't all me up here unless you are in great stress. You remember the last time u called me, you had shut the tassel cour dressing gown under the lid. t loose. You aren't fast anywhere

Philip smiled quaintly, "Yes, I am, copy the letters, omitting dates:

rah?" asked Philip Strong, as he finish-

ed the letter. "Two thousand dollars is twice as



REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON cent meal or a good suit of clothes."

him with a smile.

Brother-At a meeting of the Eimdale pel Hul cherch, ledd had week Teursday, it unaumously voted to extend you a call to ar non-convenience. The Chapet Hill church Directly, a preservous condition, and many of the hustily.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "What do you think of that?" asked

the minister again. "The salary is just the same, isn't

"Now, Sarah," said the minister, "if Yourself," didn't know what a generous, unselfsh heart you really have, I should get very vexed at you for talking about he salary as if that was the most imcertant thing."

"The salary is very important though. But you know, Philip, I would be as And as for the biscuits"willing as you are to live on no salary If the grocer and butcher would concould live without money."

heartily at his tone.

with the letters," resumed the minister. a great hearted man really began.

prefer?" usked his wife. "I would rather go to the Chapel Hift throws so much light on his character much to do." church as far as my preference is con- and his purpose in going to Milton that

"Then why not accept their call, if ing necessary to its full understanding. that is the way you feel?"

to Elmdale, I feel as if I ought to go to the se Militon."

shurch in Elimdale is in a university town. The atmosphere of the place is scholastic. You know I passed four years of student life there. With the solding would have induced me to go to amount exception of the schools, there are not Today it seems perfectly clear that the Lord stress to me, "Go." You know my natural inclination. quiet, sleepy, dull, retired, studious, is toward a quiet, scholarly passon, ic. Well,

place. I love the memory of it. I blast, a town with more than to many differ-Philip Strong could not decide what could go there as the pastor of the em denominations all situated on one street and Eimdale church and preach to an au-The postman that evening had dience of college boys eight months in ought him two letters, and he had the year and to about 80 refined, scholist finished reading them. He sat arly people the rest of the time. I! ith his hands clasped over his knee, could indulge my taste for reading and aning back in his chair and looking writing and enjoy a quiet pastorage

"Then, Philip, I don't see why you don't reply to their call and tell them Finally he rose, went to his study you will accept, and we will move at or and called down the stairs; once to Eludale and live and die there, Sarah, I wish you would come up It is a beautiful place, and I am sure we could live very comfortably on the "All right, Philip, I'll be up in a min- safary and the vacation. There is no "But, on the other hand," continued

came into the room. "It must be heard his wife's words, "on the other hand, there is Milton, a manufacturing town of 50,000 people, mostly operatives. It is the center of much that belongs to the stirring life of the times in which we live. The labor question is "I am convinced that I must go to Milyour writing desk, and I had to cut there in the lives of those operatives, There are seven churches of different that street the most fashionable in the place, a There are seven churches of different that street the most fashionable in the place, a denominations, to the best of my Philip smiled quaintly. "Yes, I am, my in a strait betwist two. Let me ad those letters, and you will see."

So he began at once, and we will spy the letters, omitting dates:

Cat are another, meres, and somehow I cannot believe to men's needs, and somehow I cannot thelp hearing a voice say. Think Strong, go to Milton and work for Christ.

Abandon your drams of a parish where So he began at once, and we will church of Christ, to apply his teachings S. Philip Strong:

S. Philip Strong:

Oner ser A is inverting of the Milton Calvary grows, lield last week, it was voted unanimously extend too a call to become paster of this mark at a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a many half pluring into the hard, a fill of the accordance with the wall of years of taking from the work and a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a salary of \$4.000 a year of taking and has the active personnel of taking from the salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a trust of this age, in the atmosphere of physical labor, where pressure a great questions are being discussed and the masses are engross. It is there, I cannot make the trust of a unit of the salary of \$4.000 a year. We trust that a

went on after a little pause, "I want to to Mil

you to go to Elimdale? Are there not there. As ever, your old chum, great opportunities to influence young student life in a university town? Will It was characteristic of Philip that come paster of that church?"

Ing suddenly and speaking with a lind apparently decided the matter very making link for small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be used in clean and honest matter very making link for the small should be us replied the minister's wife, looking at those biscuits I put in the even when humiliating reversals of opinion, so was, to his mind, not humility, but you called me are fallen as completely that people who did not know him treason. "Oh, well, that may be, Sarah. But as Babylon. And I will make you cat thought he was fickle and changeable. The Sunday following Philip made let me read you the other letter," he half a dozen of them, sir, to punish In the present case Philip acted with this announcement to the people; went on without discussing the salary you. We cannot afford to waste any. his customary quickness and knew "Beginning with next Sunday mornthing these times."

"What," cried Philip slyly, "not on able. \$2,000 a year! But I'll eat the biscuits, They can't possibly be any worse than those we had a week after we were

came close up to the desk and in a dif- The first Sunday evening after Philip in Milton today. So during the talks, I believe in you, don't you?"

sure you do. I am impulsive and im- cheerful open fire in the large grate. practical; but heart and soul and body. It was late in the fall and the nights and mind, I simply want to do the will were sharp and frosty. of God. Is it not so?"

tonight?"

help, of course." know I could not settle it without you. tion except his wife,

ter's wife, "they will be settled with- queer gestures, and once you put one nue to feed us for nothing. I wish out me, too, if I don't go down and see of your hands in your pocket. But your from the bottom of my heart that we to them." She hurried down stairs, and sermons were both strong and effect- hours of each day in learning the facts Philip Strong, with a smile and a sigh, ive. I am sure the people were im-"It is a bother, isn't it?" replied Phile took up his pen and wrote replies to pressed. It was very still at both servethings he did was to buy an accurate to, so gravely that his wife laughed the calls he had received, refusing the lees." call to Eimdale and accepting the one

"Well, the question is, what to do to Milton. And so the strange story of wife went on: "Which of the two churches do you When he had unished writing these Philip. What do you think?" two letters, he wrote another, which we will insert that in this story as be- ing?

This is the letter: "Recause, while I should like to go My Dear Alfred-Two years ago, when we left "Now, Phillip, I don't see why, in a suppose when I came that I should leave as soon Now, Finisp, I don't see why, in a choice of this kind, you don't do as you feel inclined to do and accept the call that pleases you mest. Why should ministers be doing what they ought instead of what they like? You never please yourself."

Stead of what they like? You never please yourself."

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Stead of what they like? You never please yourself." "Well, Sarah," replied Phitip good ing as a supply, panding the final settlement of naturedly. "this is the way of it. The affairs, and so I was at liberty to accept a call place), and so I suppose their church committee

Milton in, as you know, a netwo dirty, manufactrederstand, to bring the clearly into cartait with the masses. You will say that such a church is a set in metion against all cut. I have great faith in the membership of almost any church in this country to accompile wonderful things for his name, and I am going to Milton with that faith very strong in me. I feel as If a very great work could be these there. Think of it, Alfred! A town of 50,000 worstlernen, half of them forcingers, a town with more than 60 allows in full



e with you. In behalf of the church.

What as Westers, Chairman of the Beard of Trustees.

"What do you think of that, Saah?" asked Philip Strong, as he finishd the letter.

The fighting powers of giants of God to restore in men's souls a more just men as I power, and yet I am conscious that I proportion of the value of the life of men as I power, and yet I am conscious that I proportion of the value of the life of men as I power, and yet I am conscious that I proportion of the value of the life of men as I power, and yet I am conscious that I proportion of the value of the life of men as I power, and yet I am conscious that I proportion of the value of the life of men as I power, and yet I am conscious that I make may be interested to restore in men's souls a more just men as I power, and yet I am conscious that I make may be interested to restore in men's souls a more just men as I power, and yet I am conscious that I make may be interested to restore in men's souls a more just men as I power, and yet I am conscious that I men as I men as I power, and yet I am conscious that I men as I men as I men as I "Two thousand dollars is twice as much as you are getting now, Philip."
"What, you mercenary little creature, fo you think of the salary first?"
"If I did not think of it once in awhile, I doubt if you would have a desugged of the work of the work of the salary first?"

What, so the first of the salary first?"

Mrs. Strong was stient. She had the business of first first did not think of it once in awhile, I doubt if you would have a desugged of the pattern of the local probably what he had the would do exactly what he know he ought to do when once he decided the ministry. I have a very positive assume as ought to do when once he decided the work that I am doing what I ought to do. And ought to do when once he decided what it was. Philip Strong was also what it was. Philip Strong was also silent a moment. At last he said, "Don't you think so. Sarah?"

"I don't see how we can always tell exactly what the Lord wants us to do. How can you tell that he doesn't want you to go to Ellmdale? Are there not

Then," said the minister's wife, ris. serious step of his life, and while he

CHAPTER II. married-the ones we bought from the moved to Milton as the church wished sins, its needs, its opportunities, its bakery, you remember," Philip added him to occupy the pulpit at once. The responsibilities, its everyday life, I parsonage was a well planned house shall try to be entirely loving and just "You saved yourself just in time, next the church, and his wife soon and courageous in giving what I bethen," replied the minister's wife. She made everything look very homelike, lieve Christ himself would give you if ferent tone said, "Philip, you know I preached in Milton, for the first time, "Yes." said Philip simply. "I am events of the day as they say before a you think Christ would actually say

"Are you tired tonight, Philip?" ask-"I know it is," she said, "and if you ed his wife,

go to Milton it will be because you . Yes, the day has been rather trywant to do his will more than to please ing. Did you think I was nervous? human in my weakness. I shall make Did I preach well?" Philip was not "Yes. Then shall I answer the letter valu in the least. He simply put the Christ would not say. But always goquestion to satisfy his own exacting ing to the source of all true help, the "Yes, if you have decided, with my demand on himself in preaching. And there was not a person in the world to may, speak as I truly believe Christ "Of course, you foolish creature, you whom he would have put such a ques- would if he were your pastor. These

"No, I thought you did splendidly. I

Philip was silent a moment. And his the wall of his study and in after days

"I am sure we shall like it be "I cannot tell yet. There is very and earnestness the great brick mills

"How do you like the church build-

"It is an easy audience room for my thing about the mills fascinated him. voice. I don't like the arrangement of They seemed like monsiers of some of the minister."

"Yes, the cheir is a good one. The

congregation didn't seem to sing much. and I believe in congregational singing, and homelike feeling in him. Coming can bring that about in time. I think." committee in the church, and such committees are very sensitive about any interference."

"Well," said Philip, rousing up a lit | containing the shipons. he days, but of workinghen consider it the "the singing is a very important part of the service. And it seems to to Mr. Winter, sir." The chards is quite strong in members are 1 ought to have something impor-

> lously. She had perfect faith in Phil- toward home. "William Winter!" he as I think he would." in's honesty of purpose, but she some exclaimed. "Is it possible that man times had a fear of his impetuous de- will accept a revenue from the renting Mr. Strong," replied Mr. Bentley, some- could detect any disturbance in Philip as separate and removed from God and sire to reform the world. After a little of his property to these vestibules of what coldly, and Philip went out, feel- from the mill owner's contemptuous all relation to him. The business men pause she spoke again, changing the hell? That man! One of the leading ing as if he had grappled with his first withdraws!

tion, Phillip?"

"I enjoyed it. I thought it was very sible."

church?"

wife was the first to break it.

denly interrupts you with a question a good way from your thoughts. What was the matter? Did you forget a point?"

"No. I'll tell you. From where I stand on the pulpit platform I can see through one of the windows over the front door. There is a large electric lamp burning outside, and the light fell directly on the sidewalk across the street. From time to time groups of people went through that band of light. Of course I could not see their faces very well, but I soon found out that they were mostly the young men and women operatives of the mills. They were out strolling through the street, which, I am told, is a favorite promenade with them. I should think as many as 200 passed by the church while I was preaching. Well, after awhile I began to ask myself whether there was any possible way of getting those young people to come into the church instead of strolling past? And gambling houses were numerous. The then I looked at the people in front of me and saw how different they were from those outside and wondered if it Philip's business. wouldn't be better to close up the church and go and preach on the street where the people are. And so, carryless ing on all that questioning with myself, while I tried to preach, causing a little 'embarrassment,' as you kindly e call it, in the sermon."

"I should think so! But how do you know, Philip, that these people outside nie than my life. And I have come to

need of my preaching perhaps, but by the agents of the devil while you not some one go to Elmdale and be- in this letter he said nothing about his the duty of the church in this place to my brother?" call to Elmdale and did not tell his col. the great crowd outside. Something put made the usual excuses, that if he to the one with Mr. Bentley. He had "I consider to the one with Mr. Bentley. He had "I consider to the one with Mr. Bentley."

garded it, and rightly so, as the most spiritually minded man. He never would be empty at a dead loss, and so thito the church that morning, just as preaching will never do in Calvary sprious step of his life and rightly so, as the most spiritually minded man. He never forth. To all of which Philip opposed the choir rose to sing the anthem. He church while I am one of its morning. thought his Master was honored by ing suddenly and speaking with a had apparently decided the matter very asking him for small things or doubt-

called me up here to decide what you He was in the habit of making his de. And always when he said "I" he had evidently settled before you called cisions rapidly. This habit sometimes simply meant, not Philip Strong, but me. Do you consider that fair treat- led him into embarrassing mistakes. Christ in Philip Strong. To deny the ment, sir? It will serve you right if and once in a great while resulted in power and worth of that incarnation

very well that his action was unalter- ing. I shall give the first of a series of monthly talks on 'Christ and Modern Society.' It will be my object in these talks to suppose Christ himself as the Within a week Philip Strong had one speaking to modern society on its he chatted with his wife over the wish you would, with me, try to see if what I shall say in his place. If Christ were in Milton today, I believe he would speak to us about a good many things in Milton, and he would speak very plainly, and in many cases he might seem to be severe. But it would spirit of truth, I shall, as best a man talks will be given on the first Sunday "As for the biscuits," said the minist felt proud of you. You made some the subjects, for they will be chosen as the opportunities arise."

map of the place. He hung it up on found occasion to make good use of it. He spent afternoons walking over the town. He noted with special interest by the river, five enormous structures with immense chimneys, out of which poured great volumes of smoke. Somethe choir ought to be down on the platform in front of the part of the choir ought to be down on the platform in front of the part of the property of the property owned and controlled by men
and loving young preacher up there
one walked by them he seemed to feel
one walked by them he seemed to feel form in front of the people, by the side the throbbing of the hearts of five ereatures. The unpainted tenements, ugly That's one of your hobbies, Philip. in their unfailing similarity, affected after a painful pause, "before God, in But the singing was good, didn't you Philip with a sense of almost anger. Whose presence we shall stand at last, He had a keen and truthful taste in am I not right in my view of this matmatters of architecture, and those ter? Would not Christ say to you just boxes of houses offended every artistic | what I am now saying?" and I believe in congregational singing. and homelike feeling in him. Coming even when there is a choir. But we home one day past the tenements, he and said something about not trying to all true society and a shame to civilization. Think "found himself and said something about not trying to all true society and a shame to civilization." found himself in an unknown street, mix up business and religion. Philip tion and Christianity. Philip con-"Now, Philip," said his wife, in some and for the curiosity of it he undertook sat looking at the man, reading him alarm, "you are not going to meddle to count the saloons on the street in through and through, his heart almost with the singing, are you? It will get one block. There were over 12. There bursting in him at the thought of what you into trouble. There is a musical was a policeman on the corner as Phil- a man would do for the sake of money

"I believe most of the houses belong opening of the subject he said: "Brothe swept through the church like a red wrong of life, no matter what is in-"Mr. William Winter?" asked Philip.

doubt of the fact. Philip, whose very that men paid for souls. and would not be back until Saturday ticle on your mind and some one sad- for his call and asked his member if it



"Is it right, my brother?" was true that he rented several houses in a certain block where saloons and man looked at Philip, turned red and finally said it was a fact, but none of

"My dear brother," said Philip, with a sad but winning smile, "you cannot imagine what it costs me to come to you about this matter. In one sense it may seem to you like an impertment meddling in your business. In another sense it is only what I ought to do as pastor of a church which is dearer to

The man to whom the question was

owner looked aghast. what you ask? Two-thirds of the most morning, he said, was "The Right and object to," regular part of my income is derived erty owners in Milton do the same property that men neguire is really thing. There isn't a man of any means only in the nature of trust funds. in the church who isn't deriving some which the property holder is in duty life is rulned?" revenue from this source. Why, a large bound to use as a steward. The goldpart of your salary is paid from these is God's. The silver is God's. The catvery rents. You will get into trouble the on a thousand hills, all land and eyes wide open to the other's face. if you try to meddle in this matter. I water privileges and wealth of the don't take offense. I think you have earth and of the seas belong primarily done your duty. And I confess it to the Lord of all the earth. When any as society is organized, I don't see that we can change the matter. Better not use it as if it were his own and his try to do anything about it, Mr. Strong. The church likes you and will stand by in giving you a handsome support, but make men and communities happier men are very touchy when their pri- and more useful. vate business is meddled with."

Philip sat listening to this speech, and his face grew whiter and he clinched his hands tighter as the man went on. When he had finished, Philip

"Mr. Bentley, you do not know me if you think any fear of the consequences will prevent my speaking to the members of my church on any matter where it seems to me I ought to speak. In this particular matter I believe it is not only my right but my duty to speak. I would be shamed bedeclare his will in regard to the uses of property. This question passes over from one of private business, with of the young men and women of the

ip reached the crossing, and he in- At last he saw that he would gain quired of the officer if he could tell him nothing by prolonging the argument. who owned the property in the block He rose, and with the same sweet

frankness which characterized his close of a tremendous sentence which iters which bear upon the right and er, I wish to tell you that it is my in- hot flame, Mr. Winter suddenly arose volved in those matters. Are money tention to speak of this matter next in his pew, passed out into the aisle and houses and lands of such a charac-

members in my church! Chairman of dragon in Milton and found him to be When Philip closed with a prayer of as God's. They always speak of it as "What did you think of the congregation the board of trustees and a leading citical a very ugly one and hard to kill. What tender appeal that the spirit of truth theirs. And they resent any interferzen of the place! It does not seem pos- hurt him as much as the lack of spir- would make all hearts to behold the ence,' as you call it, on the part of the

"There was a place in your sermon light. He went to see another member tonight. Philip, where you appeared who was a large owner in one of the ling defeat. He did not too barshly The next morning as he was getting regard for all coming consequences. the least bit embarrassed, as you seem mills and a heavy property owner. It condemn his members. He wondered ready to go out for a visit to one of the For the time being he felt as perhaps sometimes at home when you have was not a pleasant thing to do, but at their lack of spiritual life; but, to mills, the bell rang. He was near the one of the old Hebrew prophets used to some writing or some newspaper ar. Philip boldly stated the precise reason his credit be it said, he did not harshly door and opened it. There stood Mr. | feel when the flame of inspired wrath condemn. Only, as Sunday approached, he grew more clear in his own mind few moments, Mr. Strong, if you can of tiod. You have only just come here. The ip extended. people like you now. It will only "Certainly, Will you come up to my possible for him to interrupt. Also it cause unpleasant feelings and do no study?" asked Philip quietly. good for you to launch out into a cru- The two men went up stairs, and like Mr. Winter should understand a involved that it will certainly alienate down opposite. their support and possibly lead to your being compelled to lose your place as pastor if it do not drive away the most | "I have come to see you about your sir, I withdraw my church pledge, and influential members."

replied, "Get thee behind me, satan," what you said was a direct insult to ing." And Mr. Winter flung himself He said with himself, he might as me personally." at the very first. It was not neces- intended?" replied Philip, with a good carried up with him. Philip caught it sary that he should be their pastor if they would none of him. It was necessary that he preach the truth boldly. Mr. Winter sharply. The one question he asked himself was, "Would Jesus Christ, if he were pastor of Calvary church in Milton today, speak of the matter next Sunday and speak regardless of all consequences?" Philip asked the question honestly, and after long prayer and possible that he might have gained by listen to personal abuse." bers in private. Another man might There was something in the tone and waiting or by working with his memhave pursued that method and still not of another man, and this is what

When Sunday morning came, he went into his pulpit with the one thought in mind that he would simply and frankly, in his presentation of the subject, use the language and the spirit of his Master. He had seen other property owners during the week, and his interviews were nearly all similar the pain will of God, that all a man was a large, fine looking man. Philip has should be used in clean and honest indmired his physical appearance as he

Philip pressed him to give up the whole and reminded the congregation that, purposes?" iniquitous revenue and clear himself according to his announcement of a of all connection with it the property week before, he would give the first of

Wrong Uses of Property." trel of a man, he is not at liberty to plone, but as God would have him use it to better the condition of life and ing."

From this statement Philip went on

men had that wealth and houses and lands were their own to do with as they pleased, and he showed what property?" misery and trouble had always flowed nations and individuals were today in the greatest distress because of the wrong uses to which God's property was put by men who had control of it. It was easy then to narrow the argument to the condition of affairs in Milton. As he stepped from the gener al to the particular and began to speak fore my Lord and Master if I did not of the rental of saloons and houses of gambling from property owners in Milton and then characterized such a which I have no right to meddle, into un-Christian it was curious to note the use of God's property as wrong and the domain of public safety, where I have a right to demand that places had been listening complacently to which are fatal to the life and morals Philip's eloquent but quiet statements town shall not be encouraged and all tant historical facts, suddenly became as long as he confined bimself to dis body. My brother." Philip went on estate dealer and even profession al man writhed inwardly and ners ously shifted in his cushioned pew as Philip spoke in the plainest terms of the terrible example set the world by the use of property trolled his voice and his manner admirably, but he drove the truth home and spared not. His voice at no time rose above a quiet conversational tone, but it was clear and distinct. The audience sat bushed in the spell of a genine sen

sation, which deepened when, at the

yor, and it is composed simest entirely of the loading families in the place. What I can do in such a character where it is and place which a character where it is an interest of my talks on loading families in the place. What I can do in such a character where it is an interest of my talks on composed simest entirely of the largest owner in the opening fear, Sarah. I'm not going to try to change everything all at once."

Yes, I think that's the name. He is the largest owner in the Ocean mill the first of my talks on character where it is something to the largest owner in the Ocean mill the first of my talks on commercial that to say about it. But you need not the first of my talks on character where it is something to the largest owner in the Ocean mill the largest owner in the Ocean mill the first of my talks on character. What I can do in fear, Sarah. I'm not going to try to change everything all at once."

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> Itual fineness of apprehension of evil truth as one soul, the audience remain- pulpit. Nevertheless I say it plainly, I attentive. There was a larger number | But before the week was out Philip in his church member was the knowle ed seated longer than usual, still under regard the renting of these houses by out this evening than I had expected." had discovered facts that made his edge that, as Mr. Bentley so coursely the influence of the subject and the you and other business men in the "idd you like the looks of the peo- heart burn with shame and his mind put it, his salary was largely paid out morning's sensational service. All church to the whisky men and the corrouse with indignation. Property in of the rentals of those vile abodes. He through the day Philip relt a certain rupters of youth as wholly wrong and "They were all very nicely dressed." the town which was being used for sa- grew sick at heart as he dwelt upon strain on him, which did not subside so wrong that the Christian minister "Now, Philip, you know that isn't loons, gambling houses and dens of the disagreeable fact, and as he came exen when the evening service was who would keep silent when he knew what I mean. Did you like the peo- wickedness was owned in large part back to the parsonage and went up to over. Some of the members, notably the facts would be guilty of unspeakby several of the most prominent mem- his cozy study he groaned to think several of the mothers, thanked him able cowardice and disloyalty to his "You know I like all sorts and condi- bers of his church. There was no that it was possible through the price with tears in their eyes for the morn. Lord. As to your threat of withdrawal ing message. Very few of the men of support, sir, do you suppose I would "Yes, but there are audiences and audiences diences. Do you think you will enjoy to go to these men and have a plain he exclaimed, as he buried his face in come out to the evening service, at the rich men in my congregation? It preaching to this one in Calvary talk with them about it. It seemed to his hands and leaned his clows on his though he was one of the very few shows that you are not yet acquainted him like a monstrous evil that a Chris- desk, while his cheeks flushed and his men members who were invariably with me. It would not hurt you to "I think I shall," replied Philip, but tian believer, a church member, should heart quivered at the thought of the present. Philip noted his absence, but know me better." he said it in a tone that might have be renting his property to these dens of fifth and vileness the money had seen preached with his usual enthusiasm. meant a great deal more. Again there vice and taking the money. He called and heard which paid for the very He thought a larger number of stranwas silence and again the minister's on Mr. Winter, but he was out of town desk at which he wrote his sermons. | gers was present than he had seen the tion. His anger was never course or But Philip Strong was not one to Sunday before. He was very tired vulgar. But when he was roused, as

as to his duty in the matter. Expe- spare the time," said the mill owner, The man who sat opposite was comdiency whispered to him: "Better wait, without offering to take the hand Philip pelled to keep silent until Philip had

sade against this thing right now. Philip shut the door, as he motioned nature like that of Philip Strong. He There are so many of your members Mr. Winter to a seat and then sat was white to the lips with passion and CHAPTER III.

well let the people know what he was "Suppose I should say it was not so getting to take his hat, which he had

"Then I should say you lied," replied | reaching him just as he was going out

Philip sat very still. And the two men eyed each other in silence for a fook it without a word and went out. moment. The minister reached out his slamming the door hard behind him. cestainly did not come into my house said, "Yes, I believe he would," It is you? I am willing to talk the matter over the fact of Mr. Winter's walking over in a friendly spirit, but I will not

manner of this declaration that subhave been a consageous, true minister, dued the mill owner a little. He was But this is the story of Philip Strong, an older man than Philip by 20 years, but a man of quick and ungoverned temper. He had come to see the minister while in a heat of passion, and the way Philip received him, the calmness and dignity of his attitude, thwarted his purpose. He wanted to find a man ready to quarrel. Instead be found a man ready to talk reason. Mr. Winter replied, after a pause, during which he controlled himself by a

No doubt there is a necessary work lege chum what salary was effered him to be done there. The only question is, Py the church at Milton. As a matter Am I the one to do it or is the cril to of fact, he really forgot all about every. Milton more imperative? The more I think of it, the more I am convinced think of it, the more I am convinced that I must go to Milton."

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"I consider that you purposely selected did not rent to these people other men would, that there was no call for the bad not returned home until very late. Saturday night. Philip saw him come to objectionable people it would like empty at a dead loss, and so preaching will never do in Calvage.

induced to acknowledge that it was not just the right thing to do and especial.

When the hymn had been sung, the just the right thing to do and especial offering taken, the prayer made, Philip church with his to a church with the facts of Mr. Winter's church ly for a church member. But when stepped out at one side of the pulpit church who lets his property for such visit, telling his wife some things the

his series of monthly talks on "Christ bers" replied Mr. Winter, growing piece of your mind?" wher looked again. "That is what I "I gave him the whole of it," replied and Modern Society." His subject this object to."

Philip steadily, "let us settle the right | could stand." tion for me to give them up. You are which he claimed was verified every and wrongs of the whole business. Is "Oh. dear," It seems too bad to have too nice in the matter. All the prop- where in the word of God, that all it right for a Christian man, a church this trouble come so soon! What will loons and vicious resorts where human and influential. Do you think are you

"That is not the question."

"What is?" Philip asked, with his is going to be very unpleasant for Mr. Winter answered sullenly; "The "Well, Sarah, I would not do differ question is whether our business af- ently from what I have done. What fairs, those of other men with me, are have I done? I have simply preached done your duty. And I confess it to the Lord of an the earth. When any doesn't seem exactly the thing. But, of this property comes within the conservices and made the occasion of per- church. And if I do not do that, what sonal attacks upon us. I for one will business have I in the ministry at all? not sit and listen to any such preachs I regret this personal encounter with

> "But aside from the matter of pri- could avoid it." vate business, Mr Winter, let us settle whether what you and others are doing No." to speak of the common idea which is right. Will you let the other matter rest a moment and tell me what is the I could hear it away in the kitchen." duty of a Christian in the use of his

"It is my property, and if I or my 'holler," It was Mr. Winter you heard, out of the great falsehood and how agent choose to rent it to another man. He was very much excited when he in a legal, business way, that is my af- came, and nothing that I could conscifair. I do not recognize that you have anything to do with it."

'Not if I am convinced that you are doing what is harmful to the community and the church?"

"You have no business to meddle in ing mood." our private affairs!" replied Mr. Wins "Were you?" ter angrily. "And if you intend to purs | Philip hesitated a moment and then sue that method of preaching I shall replied seriously: "Yes, I truly believa withdraw my support, and most of the I was-that is, I should not have been influential, paying members will follow a shamed at any part of the interview my example.

It was a cowardly threat on the part with my Heavenly Father. of the excited mill owner, and it roused Mrs. Strong still looked disturbed leally slapped in the face. If there her nond the probable result of Mr. was anything in all the world that stir- Winter's antagonism to the minister. support of those members who were was clear of all fault in the matter. fingers around the arms, of his study will do?" Mrs. Strong asked. chair until his nails bent on the hard ed in his face, although his voice was members would do the same.

of today do not regard their property

All the time Philip was talking his manner was that of dignified indigna-

said what he had to say. It was imwas out of the question that a man so excited that his hands trembled and his voice shook as he replied to Philips. "You shall answer for these hisulissermon of yesterday morning," began you will see whether the business met To all this plea of expediency Philip Mr. Winter abruptly. "I consider in the church will sustain such preach out of the study and down stairs, forup and went down stairs with it, of the front door. He said simply, "You forgot your hat, sir." Mr. Winter

> Phillip turned around, and there stood hand and laid it on the other's arm, saying as be did so: "My brother, you his wife. Her face was very auxious. "Tell me all about it. Philip," she to accuse me unjustly of wronging said. Sunday evening they had talked



"I gave him the whole of it." replied "In the first place, Mr. Winter," said of it on that particular subject that he

> sure that in this matter you have done just right, just for the best, Philip? It

> Mr. Winter, but I don't see how I

"Itid you lose your temper?"

"There was some very loud talking, "Well, you know, Sarah, the more in dignant I get the less inclined I feel to entiously say would have made any

"Did you ask him to pray over the matter with you?"

"No. I do not think he was in a pray

to put myself into loving communion

Philip more than if he had been phys- and anxious. She was going over in red Philip to his oceanic depths of It looked to her like a very serious feeling, it was an intimation that he thing. Philip was inclined to treat the was in the ministry for pay or the sal- affair with a calm philosophy, based ary, and so must be afraid of losing the on the knowledge that his conscience

able to pay largely. He clinched lift "What do you suppose Mr. Winter

"He threatened to withdraw his wood. His seem and indigeation burn-financial support and said other paying

"Do you think they will?" "Mr. Winter, this whole affair is a "I don't know. I shouldn't wonder if matter of the most profound principle | they do."

with me. As long as I live I shall be-"What will you do then? It will be Keve that a Christian man has no more dreadful to have a disturbance in the right to rent his property for a saloot | church of this kind, Philip. It will than he has to run a saloon himself ruin your prospects here. You will not And as long as I live I shall also be be able to work under all that friclieve that it is a minister's duty to tion.

preach to his church plainly upon mat- And the minister's wife suddenly